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Bernard BENE et al.)
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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND)
CONTROL METHOD FOR A)
BLOOD TREATMENT)
EQUIPMENT)

Group Art Unit: ~~Unassigned~~ 1797
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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 4, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.
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English-language abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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